

CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

10 November 2011

Cannon Health Building, 288 North 1460 West, Room 125

Salt Lake City, Utah

Members Present: Diane Wilkinson, Carol Thompson, Dale Smith, Heidi Radeke, Ed Dieringer, Pat Marino.

Members Excused: Julie Shakib, Michael Libeck, Joni Hemond, Leslie Hjorth, Jodie Jensen, Tracey Brown.

Department of Health and Child Care Licensing Staff Present: Dr. Marc Babitz, Teresa Whiting, Simon Bolivar, Colleen Murphy, Donna Thomas, Lynda Worthington, Michelle Lewis.

WELCOME

Mr. Smith began the meeting at 9:35 am. The minutes from the last Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee meeting on September 8, 2011 were approved by the committee on November 8, 2011 via email and are posted on the Child Care Licensing website at: www.health.utah.gov/licensing.

OLD BUSINESS

Provider Opening on Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Whiting gave an update on the provider opening on the Advisory Committee. Dr. Patton has appointed Tracey Brown from the University of Utah Child Development Center to the committee, which now brings it to a full committee.

Rule Revisions Update

Ms. Whiting gave an update on the rule revisions.

After presenting the rule revisions to the Advisory Committee, they are then sent to the Executive Director's Office (EDO) for Dr. Patton to approve. The rule revisions discussed at September's meeting were submitted to the EDO. EDO's was approached with concerns regarding child nutrition and parent notification rules. EDO consulted with an additional attorney and determined that in addition to our Child Care Licensing statute, there is Health

Department statute governing the entire Department, which has certain rule making authority. Under this other statute, it was determined that the child nutrition and parent notification rules were within the scope of the Department's rulemaking authority.

The committee members present discussed this new information and voted to support leaving the child nutrition and parent notification in the rules. Ms. Whiting will prepared revised documents and re-submit them to EDO for approval.

QRIS Update

Ms. Wilkinson gave a brief update on QRIS. They are moving forward and distributing packets to parents. These packets show the criteria required, along with questions asking about clarity and readability of the criteria.

The pilot program will be in effect until January. Providers will send in their information between January and April 2012. The program launch time frame is April 2012.

A Facebook page, called Care About Child Care, has additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

New CPSC Crib Rules

Ms. Whiting presented information about the new Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) crib rules. These are federal rules based on federal statute. Under the new rule, child care providers have until December of 2012 to ensure that their cribs comply with the rules.

Ms. Whiting sought the committee's input on whether the Department should issue findings for noncompliance to state rule after the new federal rule goes into effect. The existing applicable state rule reads: "The licensee shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and rules pertaining to the operation of a child care center."

The committee members present discussed the issued and recommended that the Department should enforce the new federal rule once it goes into effect. Committee members requested that the Department help educate providers in advance about the requirements of the new crib rule. It was agreed that the Department will send educational materials regarding the new federal rule to all providers regulated by the Department.

Mr. Smith requested pictures and a brief report of stackable cribs at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

The next Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 12, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cannon Health Building, located at 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City in room 125.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.